

# Senate Study Bill 1009

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BY (PROPOSED ETHICS AND  
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BOARD BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the campaign finance by revising the  
2 requirements for filing reports and for the use of certain  
3 resources for political purposes.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 68A.402, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 1. FILING METHODS. Each committee shall file with the  
1 4 board reports disclosing information required under this  
1 5 section on forms prescribed by rule. Reports shall be filed  
1 6 on or before the required due dates by using any of the  
1 7 following methods: mail bearing a United States postal  
1 8 service postmark, hand-delivery, facsimile transmission,  
1 9 electronic mail attachment, or electronic filing as prescribed  
1 10 by rule. Any report that is required to be filed five days  
1 11 prior to an election must be physically received by the board  
1 12 to be considered timely filed. For purposes of this section,  
1 13 "physically received" means the report is either  
1 14 electronically filed using the board's electronic filing  
1 15 system or is received by the board prior to 4:30 p.m. on the  
1 16 report due date.

1 17 Sec. 2. Section 68A.503, subsection 2, Code 2007, is  
1 18 amended to read as follows:  
1 19 2. a. Except as provided in subsection 3, it is unlawful  
1 20 for a member of a committee, or its employee or  
1 21 representative, except a ballot issue committee, or for a  
1 22 candidate for office or the representative of the candidate,  
1 23 to solicit, request, or knowingly receive from an insurance  
1 24 company, savings and loan association, bank, credit union, or  
1 25 corporation organized pursuant to the laws of this state, the  
1 26 United States, or any other state, territory, or foreign  
1 27 country, whether for profit or not, or its officer, agent, or  
1 28 representative, any money, property, or thing of value  
1 29 belonging to the insurance company, savings and loan  
1 30 association, bank, or corporation for campaign expenses, or to  
1 31 expressly advocate that the vote of an elector be used to  
1 32 nominate, elect, or defeat a candidate for public office.  
1 33 b. This section does not restrain or abridge the freedom  
1 34 of the press or prohibit the consideration and discussion in  
1 35 the press of candidacies, nominations, public officers, or  
2 1 public questions.

2 2 c. This section does not apply to a nonprofit organization  
2 3 communicating with its own members. The board shall adopt  
2 4 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this paragraph.

2 5 d. The board shall adopt rules concerning the use of  
2 6 resources belonging to a media corporation if the publisher,  
2 7 owner, or editor of the media corporation is a candidate for  
2 8 public office.

## EXPLANATION

2 10 This bill requires that any report that is required to be  
2 11 filed five days prior to an election must be physically  
2 12 received by the board either in person, by mail, fax, or  
2 13 electronic means.

2 14 The bill also exempts communications by a nonprofit  
2 15 organization with its own members from a general prohibition  
2 16 relating to solicitations to a financial institution,  
2 17 insurance company, or a corporation. The bill also authorizes

2 18 the board to adopt rules relating to media corporation  
2 19 resources if the publisher, owner, or editor of the  
2 20 corporation is a candidate for public office.  
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